*I Am Malala* Response Essay

Due Dates: Rough Draft for Peer Review: Paper COPY Thursday April 5, 2018 in class

Final Draft: Tuesday April 10, 2018 by 10 pm to your Box Folders

100 points

Assignment: A response paper is your chance to communicate in writing your personal viewpoint and personal learning as they relate specifically to the book and the ideas and values it contains. A good response paper will make a connection between the subject at hand and your own experience.

A response paper is not intended to be a book review (i.e. "I really enjoyed the...) or summary of the book. Your reader is familiar with the book and is interested in discerning how deeply you have thought about the concepts, values, belief systems and attitudes that exist at the heart of the work. A response paper is a dialogue with the work. It is a personal statement; it is relaxed, clear, and uncensored.  
  
Your essay should answer the following questions:

l. What message is the author trying to promote?

Every piece of writing has a message, point, position, or value to convey. You should begin the essay with explaining one of the ideas. How does she convey the message? What does she say or do that conveys this message?   
  
2. What is my personal position relative to the author's?

Reflect on the one point, position, or value you have ascribed to the work. What do her actions and words mean? What are possible interpretations? Spend time with the author's position and discern whether that perspective is aligned with your own experience or not. Specifically address how the reading's perspective and you own interweave. Do they agree? Are they similar in some way? Are they at odds? What is the conflict? Why? How? You could consider providing quick personal anecdotes to relate to the message. This portion of the essay should address the past and present.

3. How has reading and reflecting on this affected my world experience?

How has reading this book affected your view on the various topics and ideas that she conveys --which should be closely related to the ideas you write about in earlier paragraphs? Why? What did she say or do that affected your perspective? How and in what ways do you plan to consider and apply the information, lessons, and ideas that you have learned from the book? When and how do you anticipate her message to affect your life? This portion of the essay should address the future.

There is no right or wrong answer to these questions, so I will objectively assess how well you convey your opinion, the essay’s structure, proper documentation, style, tone, word choice, and standard grammar usage.

You will be required to use at least two direct quotes from the book and no more than five.

Please underline your thesis statement.

Standard grammar will make your essay more effective and convey your ideas better, but this is not an academic essay. This is also an opportunity to include your own voice and style. You can use first person in this essay.

Purpose: To consider the ways in which your views are similar or different from Malala’s.

Audience: The audience for this assignment is me. I have read the book and know the same information about Malala as you do. Do not summarize the book.

Format: MLA format, typed and double spaced in 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins

Documentation: MLA format is the standard you must meet. In order to be prepared for such documentation, you will need to keep careful, accurate, thorough notes of any source you consult, on-line or off. You will need in-text documentation and a "Works Cited" area at the end.

Length: 3-5 pages in length